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## Concept

- » Increase young people's involvement in historic parks/ heritage spaces
- » Test a new response to austerity measures that threaten parks
- » Combine talents and skills of older people (existing Friends Group demographic) and young volunteers
- » Engage young people as 'core' volunteers to increase involvement of their peers
- » Support Friends Groups to be more young person friendly



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## Aims

- » increase the confidence and motivation of young people to volunteer to preserve and maintain historic parks and heritage landscapes
- » build the skills and resilience of local heritage and Friends of Parks Groups to put their work on a more sustainable footing
- » improve the heritage and amenity value of important open space
- » capture and share models of best practice to support replication



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# Future Proof Parks: Trusts

## Key facts

- » Focus on young people aged 11 to 25
- » 6 Groundwork Trusts across 5 'heritage hubs'
  - Gwk South, Gwk East, Gwk WM, Gwk CLM, Gwk NEC/ Gwk STAN
- » £97,519 per Trust over 3 years
- » 0.6 youth worker, 0.2 Senior Community officer (x5)
- » 12 Friends Groups (4 per year)
- » 48 'committed' young volunteers (4 per park, 16 per year)
- » 180 young volunteers participating (15 per park, 60 per year)
- » 6-10 YP-led crowdfunding campaigns



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# Outcomes

- » **Heritage:** Enhancing the quality and accessibility of heritage sites now and building the foundations for more sustainable management of these assets in future through the involvement of young people.
- » **People:** Developing the understanding, confidence, commitment and skills of young people as we support and train them to play a leading role in the preservation of historic parks and heritage landscapes in their area.
- » **Communities:** By helping young people support the activities of local friends and heritage groups we will be ensuring that communities get the benefit of access to better quality parks and green spaces.